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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Allowable Ex Parte Communications Briefing Held on December 7, 2021;

An Allowable Ex Parte Briefing from Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated Regarding the Cost of Gas on Natural Gas Prices and Electricity

Prices and Its Impact on Customers **Docket No. ND- 2021-39-EG**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (2015) and as Executive Director Nanette S. Edwards' designee, I am attaching copies of the certification statements and the signin sheets from the December 7, 2021, Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing held by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated ("DESC") regarding the cost of gas on natural gas prices, electricity prices, and the impacts on customers. I have not enclosed a signed certification statement for Mr. Evan Lawrence. Although Mr. Lawrence registered for and attended the meeting virtually, he has not provided a signed certification statement and has failed to return electronic emails to him from the Commission Staff requesting that he do so.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the briefing and accompanying presentation materials. Any written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners are provided by those who utilized or referenced them and are included as follows:

Documents Attached:

1) Presentation Slides.

Links to items referenced:

1) Title 58, Chapter 5 of the South Carolina Code: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c005.php

- South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff Review of DESC's Gas Rate Stabilization Act Monitoring Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2021: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/3f478a10-64a7-48dc-bcf6-858bfbe99309
- 3) Commission Order No. 91-971: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/78681a39-fadd-5377-4d1b2235dd041276
- 4) Commission Order No. 92-821: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/d0e6ce90-fd5c-3f6c-522cabef15fc80d1
- 5) Commission Order No. 93-848: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/efeb81b7-e444-2df6-a887778ff063c100
- 6) Commission Order No. 94-875: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/23c21493-cada-92f3-53c7e5e030f11fa5
- 7) DESC's Quarterly Monitoring Report for the Twelve Months Ending March 31, 2021: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/1d4fb5dc-1344-4db6-8810-c4e64be7fcbd
- 8) Annual Review of Purchased Gas Adjustment and Gas Purchasing Policies of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (DESC PGA Testimony): https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117539
- 9) DESC Purchased Gas Adjustment Firm Only:
 https://cdn-dominionenergy-prd-001.azureedge.net/-/media/pdfs/south-carolina/natural-gas-rates-and-tariffs/purchasedgasadjustment.pdf?la=en&rev=1ff3dc5d395a43dab0d5df52a3b18e7f&hash=0141CAD4DABBF3F40608F76A89C08F64
- 10) DESC Letter dated Sept. 15, 2021, in Response to ORS Review of DESC Monitoring Report: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/8c3abcda-21f8-4c37-bbb5-fd7570c8c357
- 11) NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange), Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures Quotes: https://www.cmegroup.com/markets/energy/natural-gas/natural-gas.quotes.html#
- 12) U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Price: https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/hist/rngwhhdA.htm
- 13) EIA, Annual Energy Outlook: https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/
- 14) EIA, Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report: https://ir.eia.gov/ngs/ngs.html
- 15) CME Group, Global Gas Hub Prompt Month Prices:
 - a) LNG Japan/Kora Marker (Platts) Futures Quotes: https://www.cmegroup.com/markets/energy/natural-gas/lng-japan-korea-marker-platts-swap.html

- b) CME Group, Dutch TTF Natural Gas (USD/MMBtu) (ICIS Heren) Front Month Futures Quotes:
- https://www.cmegroup.com/markets/energy/natural-gas/dutch-ttf-natural-gas-usd-mmbtu-icis-heren-front-month.quotes.html
- c) CME Group, UK NBP Natural Gas (USD/MMBtu) (ICIS Heren) Front Month Futures Quotes:

https://www.cmegroup.com/markets/energy/natural-gas/uk-nbp-natural-gas-usd-mmbtu-icis-heren-front-month.quotes.html

- d) CME Group, Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures Quotes: https://www.cmegroup.com/markets/energy/natural-gas/natural-gas.quotes.html
- 16) Title 58, Chapter 27, Section 865 of the South Carolina Code: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c027.php
- 17) DESC Electric and Gas Rates: https://www.dominionenergy.com/south-Carolina/rates-and-tariffs
- 18) DESC Bill Inserts: https://www.dominionenergy.com/south-carolina/billing/understand-my-bill/billing-inserts
- 19) Rider to Retail Rates Pension Cost Component:
 https://cdn-dominionenergy-prd-001.azureedge.net/-/media/pdfs/south-carolina/rates-and-tariffs/pensionrider.pdf?la=en&rev=9e91493b4a554dd7a66b3863dd4d38b5&hash=04417BA01DF55F5546A175FABA1C3B0C
- 20) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. Annual Update on Demand Side Management Programs and Petition to Update Rider: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/ef6347c4-d1c7-4b23-a87b-ac9319cc3466
- 21) Rider to Retail Rates Demand Side Management Component:

 <a href="https://cdn-dominionenergy-prd-001.azureedge.net/-/media/pdfs/south-carolina/rates-and-tariffs/demandsidemanagementrider.pdf?la=en&rev=ce285390cb9f45b3a9407e71dfe0085b&hash=B7B70D624DC89ACF48921E6143F81D47
- 22) DESC News Release dated Jan. 27, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/2021-01-28-Dominion-Energy-South-Carolina-Offers-Five-Tips-to-Help-Customers-During-Colder-Months
- 23) DESC News Release dated Feb. 17, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/2021-02-17-Big-Savings-Possible-for-Small-Businesses-and-Nonprofits-With-Dominion-Energy
- 24) DESC News Release, Rebates for HVAC Upgrades: https://news.dominionenergy.com/HVAC-Rebates

- 25) DESC News Release dated Jun. 23, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/Dominion-Energy-South-Carolina-Offers-Tips-For-Managing-Summer-Energy-Costs
- 26) DESC News Release dated Jul. 12, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/Dominion-Energy-South-Carolina-EnergyWise-Savings-Store
- 27) DESC News Release dated Aug. 12, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/recycling-appliances
- 28) DESC News Release dated Aug. 25, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/hvac-improvements
- 29) DESC News Release dated Oct. 14, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/energy-action-month
- 30) DESC News Release dated Oct. 11, 2021: https://news.dominionenergy.com/energywise-biz

With the documents provided by those who utilized or referenced them during the Allowable Ex Parte briefing and with the exception of the one certification statement referenced above, this briefing is hereby certified as being in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii). If website links and documents were not provided by those who utilized, referenced, or distributed them as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii), this certification is null and void.

It is my understanding that the transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements. The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of $\S 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii)$.

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

s/Nicole M. Hair

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Enclosures

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